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NICRAGUA/U.S. JENNINGS: Once again today, American officials are saying that Nicaragua is posing a threat to other countries in Central America. Here's our diplomatic correspondent, Barrie Dunsmore.

DUNSMORE: The U.S. today renewed its warning to the Soviets and the Cubans not to send high-performance aircraft into Nicaragua. JOHN HUGHES (State Department spokesman): The addition of advanced combat aircraft to the Sandinistas' powerful military arsenal would be a seriously destabilizing development in the region...

DUNSMORE: ABC News has learned that today's warning was prompted in part by recent intelligence reports that preparations may be under way to send half a dozen Czechoslovakian-designed jet fighters to Nicaragua. These planes are not considered high performance, but are better than anything Nicaragua now has. And another factor in today's warning was a new Nicaraguan airbase outside Managua which Sandinista officials showed off to reporters yesterday. The two new airstrips of 12,000 and 13,000 feet can accommodate any aircraft in the Soviet inventory. Of particular concern to the U.S. are persistent rumors that Nicaragua might get MiG-41s from Cuba. A year ago it was reported that Nicaraguan pilots were in Bulgaria training to fly such planes. It will be remembered that a long airstrip was a factor in the decision to invade Grenada last year. Barrie Dunsmore, ABC News, the State Department.